

I claim:

1. A support component for a temporary platform comprising:  
a gabion container having one or a plurality of compartments; and  
a filler material contained within said one or a plurality of compartments.
2. The support component of claim 1, wherein the filler material is comprised of a buoyant material.
3. The support component of claim 2, wherein the buoyant material consists of a polystyrene foam.
4. The support component of claim 1, wherein the filler material is encapsulated in a wrapper.
5. The support component of claim 4, wherein the wrapper consists of fabric.
6. The support component of claim 1, wherein the gabion container further comprises means for connecting to one or a plurality of additional support components.
7. A temporary platform or roadway comprising:  
one or a plurality of layers of gabion containers; said gabion containers having one or a plurality of compartments;  
a filler material contained within said one or a plurality of compartments; and  
said one or a plurality of layers of gabion containers being connected to each other to create a top surface;  
one or a plurality of panels forming said platform or roadway overlaying said top surface.
8. The platform or roadway of claim 7, wherein the filler material is comprised of a buoyant material.

9. The platform or roadway of claim 8, wherein the buoyant material consists of a polystyrene foam.
10. The platform or roadway of claim 7, wherein the filler material is encapsulated in a wrapper.
11. The platform or roadway of claim 10, wherein the wrapper consists of a fabric.
12. A method of constructing a temporary platform or roadway comprising:  
filling a plurality of gabion containers with a filler material;  
connecting a plurality of gabion containers to each other to form a layer; said layer of gabion containers having a top surface;  
overlying one or a plurality of panels on the top surface to form the platform or roadway.
13. The method set forth in claim 12, wherein the filler material is comprised of a buoyant material.
14. The method set forth in claim 13, wherein the buoyant material consists of a polystyrene foam.
15. The method set forth in claim 12, wherein the filler material is encapsulated in a wrapper.
16. The method set forth in claim 15, wherein the wrapper consists of a fabric.